Control Laws. The Commission has also recommended for repeal of the National Environment Tribunal Act, 1995 and the National Environmental Appellate Authority Act, 1997. The recommendations of the report are under consideration.

Pollution in rivers and ponds

†1831. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had provided financial assistance during the last three years for preventing pollution in rivers and ponds in the States;

(b) if so, the details of the assistance provided, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that States particularly Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh did not spend the full amount of assistance and as a result no progress has been made in preventing pollution and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the action taken/to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government had provided financial assistance to the States for preventing pollution in rivers and lakes under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) and National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP). The details of the assistance provided under these Plans during the last three financial years, State-wise is given in the Statement. *(See* below)

(c) and (d) Under the NRCP, a total amount of Rs. 49.84 crore has been released to Madhya Pradesh Government as the Central assistance and it has reported to have spent an amount of Rs. 53.87 crore till March, 2004 whereas Rajasthan Government is reported to have spent an amount of Rs. 0.66 crore as against a total Central assistance of Rs. 0.68 crore till March, 2004.

There is no approved scheme under the NLCP in Madhya Pradesh. In Rajasthan, one scheme under NLCP has been approved and the State Government has spent an amount of Rs. 8.82 crore as against a central

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

assistance of Rs. 12.00 crore as on 31.3.04. The work is reported to be progressing satisfactorily.

In the State of Chhattisgarh, no works have been approved so far, under NRCP & NLCP.

Statement

Details of the assistance provided to the States under NRCP and NLCP

(Rs. in lakhs)

SI No	State	Funds Released 2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
A. National River Conservation Plan				
1.	Andhra Pradesh	113.00	0.00	0.00
2.	Bihar	0.00	25.00	0.00
3.	Jharkhand	0.00	0.00	0.00
4.	Gujarat	977.00	800.00	2254.00
5.	Goa	0.00	246.00	0.00
6.	Karnataka	0.00	800.00	400.00
7.	Maharashtra	1531.20	2639.50	1075.00
8.	Madhya Pradesh	0.00	700.00	1475.00
9.	Orissa	300.00	128.00	167.00
10.	Punjab	1507.00	2620.00	2270.00
11.	Rajasthan	0.00	0.00	0.00
12.	Tamilnadu	7401.80	4142.00	8448.00
13.	Delhi	7240.22	9185.00	0.00
14.	Haryana	2300.00	237.00	0.00
15.	Uttar Pradesh	5117.91	3814.00	2650.00
16.	Uttaranchal	120.00	327.00	200.00
17.	West Bengal	1641.00	2025.50	2135.50
18.	Kerala	3.00	0.00	75.00
TOTAL (RIVER):		28252.13	27689.00	21149.50

SI N	State	Funds Released 2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
B.	**National Lake Conservation Plan**		0.00	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2.10		0.00
2.	J&K	14.31	0.00	0.00
3.	Maharashtra	400.00	100.00	69.82
4.	Tamil Nadu	300.00	0.00	50.00
5.	Karnataka	279.00	178.52	507.60
6.	Uttaranchal	0.00	40.48	770.70
7.	Rajasthan	0.00	600.00	600.00
8.	West Bengal	0.00	300.00	0.00
	TOTAL (LAKE):	53071.47	48638.50	36656.12

Grants to Maharashtra for various projects

1832. SHRI SANJAY RAJARAM RAUT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount given as grant by the Ministry to the State Government of Maharashtra during the last three years for various projects;

(b) whether Maharashtra Government used this grant to the particular project or diverted this fund to the other project; and

(c) whether State Government has submitted expenditure account in time to the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The Details of amount given as grant by the Ministry to the State Government of Maharashtra during the last three years for various projects is given in the Statement. *(See* below)

(b) No instance of diversion of fund to a project other than the sanctioned project has come to the notice of the Central Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.